

## 2025 Country profile

# Bulgaria

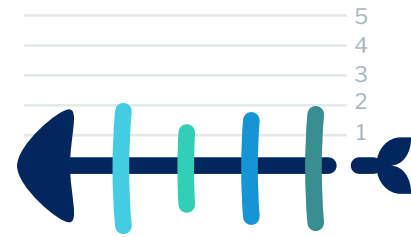
**World ranking**  
150 of 152 countries ▼ 8

**Europe ranking**  
29 of 31 countries ▼ 5

**Mediterranean & Black Sea ranking**  
25 of 26 countries ▼ 2

2025  
IUU  
Score

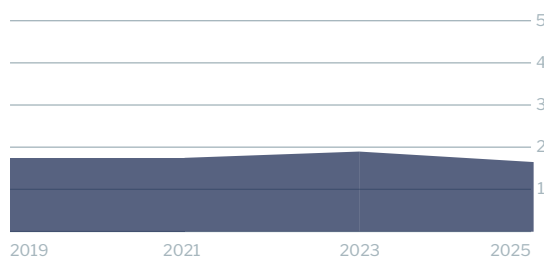
**1.66**



**2.00 1.25 1.67 1.85**  
**Coastal Flag Port General**

### IUU score trends

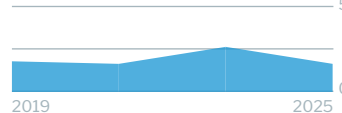
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.22



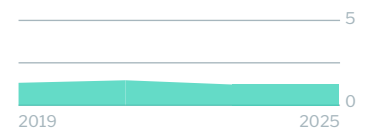
### Coastal score trends — 0



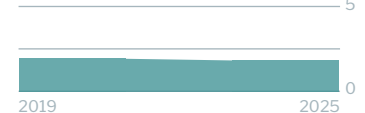
### Port score trends ▼ 1.00



### Flag score trends — 0



### General score trends — 0



**Note:** Higher scores closer to 5, and ranks closer to 1, indicate worse/poor performance. Green or red arrows show change in 2025 compared to 2023

**Coastal score** **2.00** — 0

**Coastal score by vulnerability** **2.50** — 0

### Related Indicators

|                                             | 2025          | 2023          | 2023-2025 change | 2021          |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Size of EEZ                                 | <b>2.0</b>    | 2.0           | — 0              | 2.0           |
| Agreement over all maritime boundaries      | <b>5.0*</b>   | 5.0           | — 0              | 5.0           |
| Dependency on fish for protein              | <b>1.0</b>    | 1.0           | — 0              | 1.0           |
| Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ | not available | not available |                  | not available |

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**Coastal score by prevalence** **2.60** — 0

|                                                            |            |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Has MSC-certified fisheries                                | <b>5.0</b> | 5.0 | — 0 | 5.0 |
| Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents | <b>1.0</b> | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |

**Coastal score by response** **1.00** — 0

|                                                                                               |             |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Coastal State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs | <b>1.0</b>  | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Operate a national VMS/FMC centre                                                             | <b>1.0*</b> | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |

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**Flag score** **1.25** — 0

**Flag score by vulnerability** **2.00** — 0

| Related Indicators                        | 2025 | 2023 | 2023-2025 change | 2021 |
|-------------------------------------------|------|------|------------------|------|
| Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs        | 3.0  | 3.0  | — 0              | 5.0  |
| Distant water vessels under several RFMOs | 1.0  | 1.0  | — 0              | 1.0  |

**Flag score by prevalence** **1.00** — 0

|                                                                |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Vessels on IUU lists                                           | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents  | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |

**Flag score by response** **1.00** — 0

|                                                                                                                                          |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement                                                                                                        | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership  | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record                                                                                  | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations                                                                                              | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs                                               | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |

 Indicator “Authorised vessel data provided to FAO HSVAR” used in 2019 was changed to “Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership” from 2021.

**Port score** **1.67** ▼ 1.00

**Port score by vulnerability** **4.00** — 0

| Related Indicators                                | 2025 | 2023 | 2023-2025 change | 2021 |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|------|------------------|------|
| Number of fishing ports                           | 3.0* | 3.0  | — 0              | 3.0  |
| Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels | 5.0* | 5.0  | — 0              | 5.0  |

**Port score by prevalence** **1.00** — 0

|                                                          |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents  | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |

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**Port score by response** **1.00** ▼ **2.25**

Related Indicators

Party to the PSMA

2025

**1.0**

2023

1.0

2023-2025  
change

— 0

2021

1.0

Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels

**1.0\***

5.0

▼ **4.0**

1.0

Compliance with RFMO port state obligations

**1.0**

3.0

▼ **2.0**

1.0

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**General score** **1.85** — 0**General score by vulnerability** **2.00** — 0

Related Indicators

Trade balance for fisheries products

2025

**2.0**

2023

2.0

2019-2021  
change

— 0

2021

1.0

Share of global imports

**1.0**

1.0

— 0

1.0

Perception of levels of corruption

**3.0**

3.0

— 0

3.0

Gross national income per capita

**2.0**

2.0

— 0

3.0

Volume of catches

**1.0**

1.0

— 0

1.0

**General score by prevalence** **1.00** — 0

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation

**1.0**

1.0

— 0

1.0

Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing

**1.0**

1.0

— 0

1.0

Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports

**1.0**

1.0

— 0

1.0

**General score by response** **2.27** — 0

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet

**1.0\***

1.0

— 0

1.0

Demand for MSC products

**4.0**

4.0

— 0

5.0

Ratification/accession of UNCLOS Convention

**1.0**

1.0

— 0

1.0

Ratification/accession of UNFSA

**1.0**

1.0

— 0

1.0

Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing

**5.0**

5.0

— 0

5.0

Have a NPOA-IUU

not  
availablenot  
availablenot  
available

Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs

**1.0**

1.0

— 0

1.0